

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address the water quality impairment on Lewis Creek in Russell County and the Town of Honaker. This stream was identified as impaired due to a violation of Virginia's general standard for aquatic life and therefore does not support the aquatic life standard. The impaired segment is 4.84 miles in length and extends from the Lewis Creek and Stone Branch confluence downstream to the confluence with the Clinch River. The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Lewis Creek was completed and approved by EPA in 2004 and is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl>.

Section 62.1-44.19.7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an implementation plan for approved TMDLs. The plan should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The plan should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The final public meeting on the development of the implementation plan for the Lewis Creek impairment will be held on **Thursday, July 22, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the **Town of Honaker Office**. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed sediment reductions and to present the draft plan.

The public comment period for this phase of the IP development will end on August 23, 2010. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Martha Chapman. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Martha Chapman, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, Abingdon Regional Office, 252 West Main Street, Suite 3, Abingdon, VA 24210, phone: (276) 676-5529, email: martha.chapman@dcr.virginia.gov.